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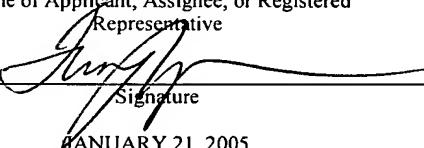
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- (1) Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. (A) 4-86388 (SEIKO EPSON CORP), published March 18, 1992.

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